DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and sole inventors of the invention entitled "ANIMAL OR OTHER OBJECT WASHING SYSTEM AND METHOD" which is described and claimed in the foregoing application, including the claims, and for which a patent is sought.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

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Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to Ruff House, Inc., filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

ASSIGNEE

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Dina Hidaka

Owner, Ruff House

Enclosure:

Copy of Assignment